



**TOWN OF NORTH REDINGTON BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26TH, 2017 MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Queen called the October 26th, 2017 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Town Hall building, 190 - 173rd Avenue, North Redington Beach, Florida.

Mayor Queen, Vice Mayor Dahl and Commissioners Bennett, Curtis and Kennedy were present.

A. DISCUSSION OF SUNSHINE LAW

Town Attorney Daigneault gave an overview of the Sunshine Law. He explained to the Board that there can be no discussion of agenda topics, on the dais, before the meeting has been called to order to after the meeting has adjourned. The Board discussed different scenarios where they, as neighbors, may interact outside of public meetings.

Town Attorney Daigneault also went over Commissioners attending Planning and Zoning Meetings. He reiterated that he does not believe it is in the best interest of the town for Commissioners to attend those meetings. He explained that while attending a meeting is not illegal, by speaking at the meetings in regard to any matter coming before the Board of Commissioners, the line is blurred in reference to state statutes. He reminded the Commission that the P&Z Board is appointed by them, therefore speaking at their meeting carries influence and should be avoided.

John Creighton, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, spoke regarding a Commissioner being involved in P&Z meetings. He stated he felt it was unethical for a Commissioner to address the P&Z Board. He explained that when Commissioner Curtis spoke, at the recent meeting, regarding an upcoming medical marijuana dispensary ordinance, it created confusion among the members. The P&Z Board voted 3-2 that the ordinance they were reviewing did not comply with the Comprehensive Plan although the Building Department representative clearly outlined that it did comply. Chairman Creighton explained that one of the members said the Comprehensive Plan was too general even though Chairman Creighton explained the Comprehensive Plan was written to be broad so ordinances were compliant.

Commissioner Curtis and Town Attorney Daigneault discussed the Attorney's duties in guiding the Commission. Town Attorney Daigneault said he felt he had given his opinion about Commission members attending the P&Z meetings many times and did not feel it was the appropriate time or place to prevent Commissioner Curtis from speaking. The majority of the Board agreed that, in order to prevent any possible legal issues, Commissioners should refrain from speaking at P&Z meetings in regards to any issue that could come before them.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Queen asked John Messmore if he would like to speak to the Board. Mr. Messmore stated he didn't have anything to speak about. Mayor Queen said he thought he wanted to speak about his seating at Sweet Sage. Mr. Messmore indicated that was not correct. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mari Campbell, CMC
Town Clerk*